

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING

JULY 13, 2004

7:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 13th day of July , 2004 in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Nelson, Ray, Mitchell, Trout and Wooten all present.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board if they had received copies of the minutes of the previous meeting and were there any additions, changes or deletions. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as proposed in writing. Motion seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve payment of all current bills, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Roger Heckler, Director of the White County Ambulance Service, stated that he had furnished a written report to the Board and that he had other business listed separately on the agenda for later in the meeting.

Mr. Doug Maier, White County Sheriff, stated that the total expenses for the jail was \$74,121.41 and that he had turned over to the Treasurer, \$71,818.00 in prisoner keep, \$1,512.00 in work release, and \$1,432.61 in inmate telephone commission. Sheriff Maier stated that the jail population was 99, there are 39 White County prisoners and 29 federal prisoners and 31 being housed for other counties. Sheriff Maier stated that he had hired Jason Cross as a replacement correctional officer, due to the retirement of David Farny the 27th of July. Mr. Maier stated that the sheriff's department had made 22 criminal arrest, responded to 23 9-1-1 calls, 2 pursuits and 7 drug details in the month of June.

Chairman Wooten, stated that the Coroner was conducting an inquest and was unable to attend the meeting, but had submitted a written report. Chairman Wooten stated that the Coroner has handled 7 cases in the month of June and a total of 64 since the beginning of the year. There were three autopsies held in the morgue in June, one for Edwards County, one for Saline County and one private.

Chairman Wooten explained that the next 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Board meeting would be held in the Courtroom on Monday July 19, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Wooten introduced Mr. Brian Williams and Mr. Richard Winter as visitors from the Farm Bureau and asked if they had any questions or concerns. They both stated they were at the meeting just for observation.

Mr. Jack Bosaw presented a preliminary/construction engineering services agreement for motor fuel tax funds for the replacement of the Skillet Fork Bridge, known as Section 84-00059-00-BR located east of Springerton. Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote. Mr. Wooten asked Mr. Bosaw how much it would cost to construct the bridge and Mr. Bosaw stated between \$700,000. To \$800,000.00 and federal dollars would be paying for 80 percent of the project and state and local 20 percent.

Mr. Bosaw presented the following resolution for consideration of the Board.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Road of White County, Illinois, in special meeting held in the Courthouse in the City of Carmi, Illinois on July 13, 2004 that a bid of Ninety Eight Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Eight and no/100 dollars (\$98,638.00) from Dees, Inc., 2045 Winery Road, West Frankfort, Illinois, 62896, for Section No. 04-00097-00-BR be accepted and approved by the County Road. This is in conjunction with a Delta Regional Grant for \$50,000.00 on this project.

CALL for Aye and/or Nay vote:

Nelson: Aye
Ray: Aye
Mitchell: Aye

Trout: Aye
Wooten: Aye

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I, PAULA DOZIER, Clerk of the County Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the County Board within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution passed by the County Board of White County, Illinois, at Carmi, held on the 13th day of July, A.D., 2004.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 13th day of July, 2004.

Paula Dozier
County Clerk and Ex-Officio
Clerk of the County Board
Of White County, Illinois

Mr. Wooten explained that this project was located near the Bill Jones property 1 mile south of county road 800E. The project is a culvert and bridge replacement with a total cost of approximately \$98,000.00 and the resolution is for a grant for \$50,000.00 from Delta Regional. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider having the county buildings appraised. Mr. Wooten stated that last year the insurance carrier for the building and contents had questioned the values of the buildings and did not want to accept the amounts provided by White County. Mr. Wooten stated that the last appraisal was done over twenty years ago and a new should probably be completed. Mr. Ray asked what an appraisal of all county buildings would cost and Mr. Wooten stated that he had no idea. Mr. Ray stated if the amount is over \$10,000.00 it has to be let for bid. Clerk Dozier stated that the legislature had changed the amount to \$20,000.00, effective January 1, 2004. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to advertise for bids for appraisal of all county owned buildings, seconded by Ray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to contribute \$500.00 to the Carmi Chamber of Commerce for the July 4th celebration. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to approve the \$500.00, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that White County had received the renewal rate for the hospitalization insurance from Blue Cross/Blue Shield and it was a 4.8 percent increase. Mr. Wooten explained that our insurance consultant advised that White County accept the renewal, because the insurance consultant had contacted other companies for quotes for White County's group and those quotes were coming in hirer than Blue/Cross Blue Shield's renewal rate. Mr. Wooten stated that Mr. Sutton stated that the recommendation was made for two reasons. The first and most important issue is the stability and continuity of the employee's coverage and second is that employers who bid every year create a situation where carriers won't provide a quote. Mr. Sutton suggest that there clients take their insurance to the marketplace every three years to be sure the rates are competitive, by doing so this insures good service and reasonable rates which White County Government is enjoying both benefits. Mr. Ray made a motion to accept the 4.8 percent renewal premium from Blue/Cross Blue Shield beginning August 1, 2004, seconded by Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that he had received a letter from Shawnee Resource and Conservation District asking for White County's dues in the amount of \$50.00. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to pay the annual dues to Shawnee R C & D, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that Mr. Heckler had been directed to advertise for bid on an ambulance. Two bids were received, one from Marque Direct in the amount of \$73,955.00 for a 2004 Marque Type III 164 Commando Ambulance, the second bid from Heartland Wheels Inc for a 2003 Ford E-450 Demo Unit, National Ambulance with 9,000 miles in the amount of \$69,500.00. Chairman Wooten asked the ambulance service and the ambulance committee for a recommendation. Mr. Heckler stated that he would like the Board to accept the lowest bid of Heartland Wheels in the amount of \$69,500. Even though it is an older model ambulance the module or box has a twenty five-year warranty. Which should enable the ambulance service to get by a little cheaper the next time, by being able to remove the box and run a new chassis underneath it, rather than purchasing a new complete ambulance every time. Mr. Trout made a motion to accept the bid of Heartland Wheels Inc. in the amount of \$69,500.00 for a 2003 Ford E-450 National Ambulance. Motion seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that he had received a letter from the White County Housing Authority asking the Board to reappoint Joe Bisch to a five-year term on their Board. The term would begin on June 15, 2004 and end June 14, 2009. Mr. Trout made a motion to appoint Mr. Joe Bisch to the White County Housing Authority Board of Directors for a five-year term, seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next meeting would be held on August 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

